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In re Application of:

Kaoru Asano et al.

Serial No. 10/810,412

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Extraction Method, and Analysis
Method

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this communication.